Amendments to the Claims:

1-60. (Cancelled)

61. (Previously presented) An apparatus for rendering digital content in accordance with rights that are enforced by the apparatus, said apparatus comprising:

a rendering engine configured to render digital content;

a storage for storing the digital content;

means for requesting use of the digital content stored in the storage; and

a repository coupled to the rendering engine,

wherein the repository includes:

means for processing a request from the means for requesting,

means for checking whether the request is for a permitted rendering of the digital content in accordance with rights specified in the apparatus, and

means for processing the request to make the digital content available to the rendering engine for rendering if the request is for a permitted rendering of the digital content.

62. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the means for checking comprises means for comparing a requested use with a use specified by the rights.

63. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61 wherein the means for checking comprises means for checking if a particular key is assigned to the repository.

64. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, further comprising means for requesting a transfer of the digital content from an external memory to the storage.

65. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the digital content is audio content.

66. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 65, wherein the audio content is music.

67. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the digital content is video content.

68. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the apparatus is a portable device.

69. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the rights are provided by a provider of the digital content.

70. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the means for processing comprises transmitting the digital content to the rendering engine.

71. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the digital content comprises a composite digital work comprising plural digital works.

72. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the rendering engine is configured to render digital content into a medium that is not further protected by rights and the request is for rendering the digital content into a medium that is not further protected by rights.

73. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 72, wherein the medium is an optical disk.

74. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the means for checking comprises checking whether a maximum number of renderings of the digital content have been made.

75. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, wherein the rights are embodied in software instructions which implement the use privileges for the rights.

76. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, further comprising means for authorizing the repository for making the digital content available for rendering, wherein the digital content can be made available for rendering only by an authorized repository, comprising:

 means for making a request for an authorization object required to be included within the repository for the apparatus to render the digital content; and

 means for receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request should be granted.

77. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, further comprising:

 means for receiving requests for transporting the digital content stored in the storage;

 means for determining whether a second repository is permitted to receive the digital content specified by the request; and

 means for transporting the digital content to the second repository only if the second repository is permitted to receive the digital content.

78. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 61, further comprising:

 means for requesting receipt of digital content stored outside the apparatus; and

 means for receiving the digital content if the apparatus is permitted to receive the digital content.

79-183. (Cancelled)

184. (New) A method for controlling rendering of digital content on an apparatus having a rendering engine configured to render digital content and a storage for storing the digital content, said method comprising:

specifying rights within said apparatus for digital content stored in said storage, said rights specifying how digital content can be rendered;

storing digital content in said storage;

receiving a request for rendering of said digital content stored in the storage;

checking whether said request is for a permitted rendering of said digital content in accordance with said rights specified within said apparatus; and

processing the request to make said digital content available to the rendering engine for rendering if said request is for a permitted rendering of said digital content.

185. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the checking step comprises comparing a requested use with a use specified by the rights.

186. (New) The method as recited in claim 184 wherein the checking step comprises checking if a particular key is assigned to the repository.

187. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, further comprising requesting a transfer of the digital content from an external memory to the storage.

188. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the digital content is audio content.

189. (New) The method as recited in claim 188, wherein the audio content is music.

190. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the digital content is video content.

191. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the method is implemented in a portable device.

192. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the rights are provided by a provider of the digital content.

193. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the processing step comprises transmitting the digital content to the rendering engine.

194. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the digital content comprises a composite digital work comprising plural digital works.

195. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the rendering engine is configured to render digital content into a medium that is not further protected by rights and the request is for rendering the digital content into a medium that is not further protected by rights.

196. (New) The method as recited in claim 195, wherein the medium is an optical disk.

197. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the checking step comprises checking whether a maximum number of renderings of the digital content have been made.

198. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, wherein the rights are embodied in software instructions which implement the use privileges for the rights.

199. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, further comprising:

authorizing a repository for making the digital content available for rendering, wherein the digital content can be made available for rendering only by an authorized repository, the repository performing the steps of:

making a request for an authorization object required to be included within the repository for rendering of the digital content; and

receiving the authorization object if it is determined that the request should be granted.

200. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, further comprising:

receiving a request for transporting the digital content stored in the storage;

determining whether a repository is permitted to receive the digital content specified by the request; and

transporting the digital content to the repository only if the repository is permitted to receive the digital content.

201. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, further comprising:

requesting receipt of digital content stored externally; and

receiving the digital content if it is permitted to receive the digital content.

202. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, further comprising implementing the method with one or more hardware and software devices.

203. (New) The method as recited in claim 184, further comprising implementing the method with one or more computer readable instructions embedded on a computer readable medium and configured to cause one or more computer processors to perform the steps of the method.